

Rossman Mill and Lumber Shows Fabulous Growth

From a slow and modest start to a rapidly and healthily increasing tempo in recent years, is an imaginative comparison of growth of Los Angeles and the Rossman Mill & Lumber co. Ltd.

Of more than passing interest is the tremendous growth of Torrance in the past few years, and Rossman can count several million feet of lumber poured into tracts, industrial, school and individual jobs in this mushrooming of a small town to a major city.

A recent interview with Frode B. Kilstofte, president of the company, also member of the Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commission, disclosed some facts and figures that verge on the startling.

For example, when Rossman Brothers started lumber sales in 1923 the first inventory approximated \$10,000. Today the Long Beach yard alone ships three to four times this amount daily. Average inventory of lumber is conservatively 8,000,000 feet.

Original and Present Staff
The original staff of the Rossman yard was four—one yard man, a truck driver, a salesman, bookkeeper, and a manager. All lumber was handled by hand, and today's president was the sales-office man.

Today, in a constant and healthy growth, a check of personnel shows 19 women employees in the various accounting, secretarial, switchboard,

and estimating departments. The three yards also have about 50 salesmen operating as outside contact, countermen, blueprint takeoff, purchasing and allied positions.

The old four-cylinder flatbed truck has grown to a fleet of 22 trucks, several of these huge trailer jobs; six stackers, one carrier, and numerous leased truck rigs.

Most modern possible in operation, the firm provides ordermen in the production department with small jitneys and trailers to build loads to speed the increasing demand of such major jobs as some 30 schools, several tracts, almost daily deliveries to nearby Disneyland and hauls as far as San Diego, Palm Springs, and Lancaster.

Employe Benefits

When growth of the three yards began to be noted several years ago a bonus policy was inaugurated for the sales department and office group, and this has developed into a sound and envied profit-sharing fund. Quarterly inventories assure the buying public as well as the employes of secure buying and inventory control.



MILLIONS OF FEET OF LUMBER
Average inventory of lumber, estimated conservatively, is 8,000,000 feet at Rossman Mill & Lumber co.—Press Photo.

Shaw Finds Real Estate Firm, School

Since coming here in 1953, Roy Shaw has started a real estate school and opened his own real estate firm with four branch offices.

Roy Shaw Real Estate, located at 25318 Belle Port, serves both as main office for the

other four branches as well as headquarters for the school.

The Roy Shaw Real Estate school was started in 1953 in Hollywood Riviera, moving to the present address in 1954.

It is the only real estate school in the area outside of

Long Beach, Shaw stated. Training ground for brokers and salesmen, the school has graduated hundreds of individuals.

Seventeen salesmen are associated with the firm which handles every type of real estate.

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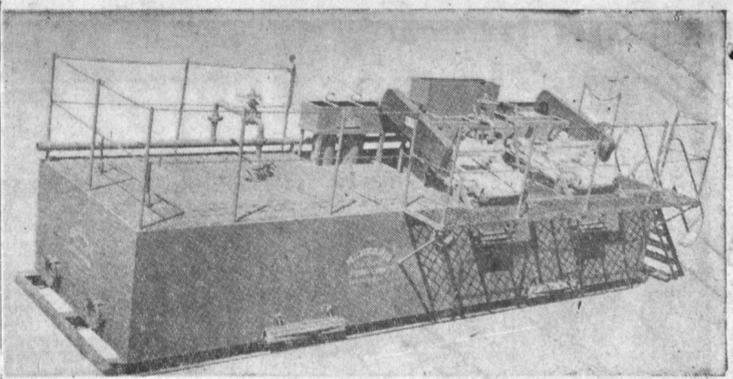
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The Medearis unitized mud suction tank, with shakers, mud ditch and chemical tank, has proved so popular that it may be regarded as a standard unit.

Products, Services Offered By Oil Well Supply Firm

Medearis Oil Well Supply corp., 21000 S. Normandie, Torrance, formed in 1937 by Paul Medearis, today has locations in Torrance, Bakersfield, Avenal, Ventura, and Santa Monica.

Products and services offered include engineering, designing, fabricators of special units, utility houses with unitized fuel tanks, suction valves, mud shakers, mud guns, mud mixers, unitized mud tanks and pump manifolds of all types, complete unitized mud systems, packaged power systems, rig platforms, access stairs, oscillating 59" bug blowers, fixed 32" bug blowers, Medearis "Dri-Pipe" wipers, Medearis improved "Bulldog" drill pipe protectors and stabilizers.

Originators

Medearis Oil Well Supply co. is the originator of packaged power systems, packaged mud control systems, and designers and builders of tank mounted mud manifolds.

The Medearis unitized utility house with top-mounted fuel tank is a compact, fully-protected utility house which has proven popular with operators in many parts of the oil country because it provides adequate electric power and controls for all the electrical needs of the rig together with excellent storage and work space.

Utility House

Of all-steel, all-welded construction, fully-painted, the Medearis utility house is equipped with safeguards which make it weather-proof, damage-proof and burglar-proof.

It meets all highway regulations for weight and height, and is skid-mounted and strongly braced for easiest moving. The

fuel tank is also skid-mounted for separate moving.

Medearis improved type (X) mud shaker is newly engineered and redesigned, having fewer moving parts than any other mud shaker.

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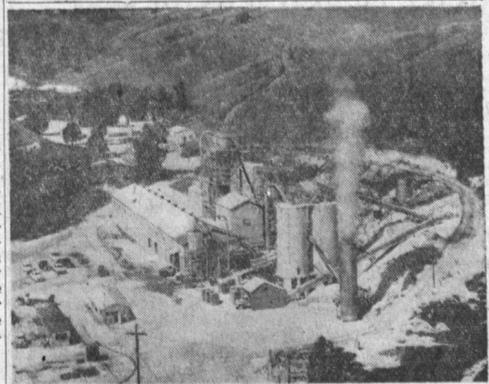
Design and Construction

For many years a large part

of the work at Medearis has been the design, construction of unitized mud-handling equipment to meet customers' requirements—everything from simple mud ditches to complete mud systems.

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Other types of mud tanks and mud ditches, incorporating mud laboratories, mud storage facilities, pump manifolds, mixing hoppers and other equipment, are available from Medearis, designed and constructed to meet any requirements of the cus-



DIATOMITE PRODUCTS

In the 27 years that the Diatomite processing plant of the Diatomite department, Great Lakes Carbon corp., at Torrance has been operating, it has shipped many thousands of tons of diatomite products to all parts of the United States and to over 60 other countries of the world. This plant gives wider than usual diversification to Torrance industry, since there are less than ten such plants of consequence in regular production in the U.S.

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